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# INDIANA LAW UPDATE

A newsletter for alumni, students, and friends of IU School of Law—Bloomington

January 2004

## Greetings from the School of Law!

Dear Friend,

Last year, the IU School of Law participated in a pilot study of law student engagement. The study was designed by Patrick O'Day, one of our third-year law students and a PhD candidate in education psychology. O'Day surveyed more than 4,000 students at 11 schools, including Duke, William & Mary, and Wisconsin. The pilot survey generated a lot of interest, and this spring, all law schools in the nation have been invited by the Association of American Law Schools to participate. For us, the first findings were heartening. Our students expressed greater satisfaction with the quality of their education than their counterparts at other participating schools.

Our first-year students in particular were more likely than students elsewhere to report that their experience at the Law School contributed to acquiring a broad legal education, to acquiring work-related skills, to writing clearly and effectively, to developing legal research skills, to working effectively with others, to understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds, to solving complex real-world problems, and to contributing to the welfare of their communities.

The law involves so many skills, not all of which are best developed in the classroom. This survey underlines the importance of programs such as journals, clinics, Moot Court, and student groups — all of which are entirely supported by your generosity — in producing not just satisfied students, but good lawyers.

All my best,  
Lauren Robel, JD'83

## Shearer to speak on international law



[Ivan Shearer](#), the Challis Professor of International Law at the University of Sydney, will be in Bloomington from Jan. 25 through Feb. 21 as the George P. Smith Distinguished Visiting Professor-Chair. On Feb. 2, Shearer will give a public lecture, titled "In Fear of International Law," in which he will look at current international events where governments have been reluctant to acknowledge the applicability of international law or have failed to justify their positions in relation to international law. During his visit, Shearer will also meet with student groups, give guest lectures in classes, and be available for consultation on issues relating to international law.

## Law School celebrates 50th anniversary of landmark decision

May 17, 2004, marks the 50th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court case on desegregating public schools, *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. To commemorate this decision, the Law School is planning a series of events throughout the spring semester. These events will include student presentations on the meaning of *Brown v. Board* today; a library display; a panel discussion of the international law influences on *Brown v. Board* and the international impact of the decision; a workshop, featuring Gary

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Orfield of the Harvard School of Education, on the use of social science in the law; a visit by civil rights litigator Alvin Chambliss; a screening and discussion of the film *The Road to Brown*, which analyzes the legal strategy that Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall devised to bring *Plessy's* separate-but-equal rule before the Supreme Court; and (tentatively) the reading of a new play, *Now Let Me Fly*, about the relationship between Houston and Marshall.

## Alumni News

### Pankratz spends year with human rights group

Last September, **Jeff Pankratz**, JD'91, began a year-long leave of absence from the law firm of Venable LLP to work in southern India with the International Justice Mission, an international human rights organization. In southern India, the IJM focuses on the problem of bonded slavery. The Pankratz family is keeping friends posted on their doings, both work and play, via their [online newsletter](#).

### Alumnae team up family style

After we published [an article](#) recently about IU Law alumnae Ann and Kathleen DeLaney's mother-daughter law firm, we were delighted to hear from **Linda Clark Dague**, JD'82, and **Mary Louise Dague Buck**, JD'95, who opened their own mother-daughter firm, Dague & Buck, in Muncie, Ind., three years ago.



Meanwhile, DeLaney & DeLaney have expanded to include four attorneys, all of whom are graduates of the IU School of Law—Bloomington. **Michele Lofthouse** (right), JD'03, joins **Ann DeLaney**, JD'77, **Kathleen DeLaney**, JD'95, and **Carla Garino**, JD'98, at the Indianapolis law firm.

### Alumni Shadow Program makes successful debut

Over the winter break, more than 100 IU Law students and alumni participated in our new Alumni Shadow Program, which helps 1Ls explore career options by pairing them with alumni hosts for a day in the workplace. The reactions from both students and mentors have been enthusiastic. First-year student Vess Miller said of his experience in the program, "I found it insightful and highly illustrative to hear a practitioner's point of view and examples of his experiences with judges, adversaries, and clients." Many thanks to all of you who made this program such a success!

### Upcoming Alumni Events

Dean Lauren Robel and the Law School have scheduled a number of alumni events in February, including IU basketball parties in Indianapolis- and Chicago-area pubs, a CLE seminar in Chicago with Professor **Patrick Baude**, and a reception in Bloomington at the Uptown Café. In addition, Dean Robel will visit several cities in Texas (Austin, San Antonio, Dallas, and Houston) in early February and would love to meet with alumni in those cities. We hope to see you on one (or more!) of these occasions. Visit our Web site [for details](#).

### Wanted: Alumni award nominations

The School of Law is proud of its almost 8,000 living alumni, who have entered every type of practice, settled all over the globe, and shown themselves to be leaders in their communities. We are seeking nominations for the following alumni awards:

The **Academy of Law Alumni Fellows** recognizes those alumni who have reached the highest standards of our profession. Given every year since 1985, the Academy Fellowship is the School's highest honor. Recipients are chosen by an anonymous committee of alumni.

The **Distinguished Service Award** recognizes those alumni who have

distinguished themselves in service to their communities. Begun in 1993, this award recognizes those who make our communities better places for all. Recipients are chosen by the Dean and the President of the IU Law Alumni Association.

Please take a moment to submit a nomination by filling out and mailing in the [online nomination form](#). Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2004. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at (812) 855-9700 or [lawalum@indiana.edu](mailto:lawalum@indiana.edu).

## Faculty News

Professor [Robert Heidt](#) published an article, "The Avid Sportsman and the Scope for Self-Protection: When Exculpatory Clauses Should Be Enforced," 38 U. Richmond L. Rev. 381 (2004).

Professor [Sarah Jane Hughes](#) will present the working draft of an article on electronic payments systems and their current legal environments at the Winter Working Meeting of the American Bar Association's cyberspace law subcommittee in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on Jan. 23-24. This article is scheduled for publication in 2004 in the *Business Lawyer*.



Professor [Aviva Orenstein](#) delivered a presentation on attorney-client privilege in the Clinton White House, drawing on various sources including *The Starr Report Disrobed*, by Professor **Fedwa Malti-Douglas**. In the talk, she examined the special issues raised when government lawyers attempt to assert a privilege against another arm of the government. Orenstein also delivered a luncheon address on civility to the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana last November. She and 2L **Torrence Lewis** have written a law review article on civility for the inaugural issue of the DTCI's law journal, questioning, among other things, how judges and law professors can model civility.

Professor [David Snyder](#) became chair-elect of the AALS Section on Contracts at the annual meeting.

## Fund for Excellence in full swing

Many thanks to the 1,248 alumni who have already donated to the 2003-2004 Fund for Excellence! There is still plenty of time to stand up and be counted as a contributor, so please make a donation — in any amount — to the school that has provided you with the professional opportunities that you now enjoy. Your contribution will support our three renowned law journals, our 25 student organizations, our Moot Court programs and teams, and the Career Services and Admissions Offices — to name but a few programs that depend entirely on alumni giving and private support. You can [donate online](#) or by mail to: Indiana University School of Law—Bloomington, Indiana University Foundation, P.O. Box 2298, Bloomington, IN 47402.

## Open position at the School of Law

### Assistant Dean of Admissions

Plan, develop, and administer the recruitment and admissions activities of the school and provide a supportive role in student career advising. Responsible for all aspects of the School of Law's financial aid office, to include the planning, direction, and awarding of all financial aid and scholarship packages to students in their first, second, and third years of study. Plan and coordinate the summer-start program for first-year students. Supervise and coordinate the appointment of all new associates to the *Indiana Law Journal*; the *Federal Communications Law Journal*; and the *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*. Oversee all processes with regard to transfer students. Bachelor's degree and JD are required. Experience in admissions or a related field preferred.

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